

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity

- Position Title:** Vegetation Intern - Native Plant Nursery Intern
- Dates of Internship:** Approximately July 1 to November 29.
- Hours:** 10-15 hours/week, weekends, flexible schedule.
- Location:** Homestead - 671 W. Streesboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264
- Duties:** Intern will work with park staff and volunteers to manage operations of the Native Plant Nursery. Intern assists with all aspects of plant propagation and care including sowing, watering, fertilizing, pruning, disease/pest inspection and control, data collection and documentation, transplanting, plant installation, and winterizing. Intern will work with park staff, horticultural volunteers and large groups of volunteers on all aspects of nursery operations and maintenance. Additional responsibilities will include upkeep of tools and equipment, data entry, and researching species natural history and propagation. Scheduling is flexible but intern will need to be available during weekends and for some specific events.
- Skills Required:** Self motivation, conscientiousness, patience, and ability to work independently and with large groups. Background in biological sciences, specifically botany and horticulture. Ability to drive cars and trucks of variable sizes with trailer pulling experience preferred.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, driver's license, and reliable transportation required. Local candidates only. Must be a current Kent State University student.
- Salary/Benefits:** Travel Stipend provided by the KSU's BSCI department, may be in the range of \$75-\$1725, depending on the number of hrs worked per week and the length of the internship. Students will be paid in two installments, the first at the midpoint and the last at the completion of the internship. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Result of internship will be practical experience operating a nursery, caring for plants, and field plant identification at a national park. Park staff will train interns to (1) identify plants; (2) understand nursery operations and methods of propagation (3) and provide an understanding the multiple facets of restoration in a national park.
- How to Apply:** Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by May 12th. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. BSCI/CVNP applications can be picked up at CHH 256.

Option: In order to receive internship credit towards major degree, applicant will need to fill out a separate BSCI internship for credit application if chosen for the internship with CVNP. Course registration fees do apply. Also, if interested in receiving ELR credit, student will need to submit the ELR application. Please see Gail Spalsbury for further details.

